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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm writing today to request that you please preserve the existing rules allowing smaller Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to operate.

I live in a city where I'm lucky enough to have my choice of ISPs. Most of the country doesn't have that. Most people have one, or maybe two options. Some have none, and have to rely on expensive metered LTE connections. That's absolutely inexcusable in the United States in the 21st century.

For many people in the US the internet is a lifeline, or the basis of peoples' livelihoods. Competition is the only way that internet access can remain available and affordable for all Americans.

I invite you to look at pricing differences between Comcast's markets where they face competition and markets where they don't. It's absolutely shocking how much of a premium end users in noncompetitive markets pay. Let's avoid making this a nationwide situation.

I rely on a smaller ISP, Sonic, for my internet and telephone service. I'm able to enjoy 1000Mbps fiber optic service in my home because of the existing rules. Without them, I'd probably be paying one of the two big telecom giants double the money for a 10th of the bandwidth. That's just unacceptable.

I hope you'll do the right thing.

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